Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is this Mr. Venugopala Menon in service.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.
Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was he an applicant.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.
Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Why did he not join?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* He was in British service. When he was appointed here, he resigned his post there. He had written to the Government that as soon as his resignation was accepted he would join duty.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY—LITTORAL TRACTS

197. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the measures, if any, taken to improve fresh water supply in the littoral tracts during the year 1118;
(*b*) the measure, if any, taken in respect of the above in the year 1119;
(*c*) the amount of money spent, if any, during 1118 and 1119 for the purpose above-mentioned?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) In the year 1118 all the existing wells in littoral tracts were silt-cleared. The tube-wells were remodelled. Two of the masonry wells in Alikal and Malipuram were repaired. Some experiments were also tried in 1118 regarding the construction of masonry wells of a new design. Three wells were constructed last year and they stood well for the season supplying potable water.
(*b*) The following works have been taken up in 1119.—
(1) Construction of 6 wells in littoral tracts
(2) Repair of a tube-well in Trippunittura bus-stand
(3) Construction of a well in Maradu Panchayat
(4) Maintenance of the existing tube-wells.
(*c*) 1118 Rs. 762—3—6
1119 Rs. 1,230—0—0.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* May I know, Sir, whether these tube-wells and the wells of the new design that is mentioned here are adequate to supply fresh water or do they supply fresh water at all.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* My information is that they supply potable water.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* But is it meant for drinking purposes?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. When I visited the place, I saw several people taking water for drinking purposes.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* You saw several people taking water, but is it consumable water?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I particularly put the question to these people. I saw hundreds of people round the tube-wells which were recently fitted up there and I particularly put this question whether they used this water for drinking purposes.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* So, these tube-wells supply fresh water, is that the position you take.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* At least in one particular area.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What is the extent of this area, and how many tube-wells are there?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are about 25 tube-wells.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Spread over what area? How many tube-wells were constructed during the last 5 years?
Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member's question is only regarding 2 years; if he wants the information for the last 5 years, he cannot expect an answer now.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* How many were constructed in the last 2 years.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 25.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Over what area?
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not know the exact area.
Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* At least miles.
Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* From Vypeen up to Cranganur.

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Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* My information is that there are not 25 tube-wells.

Mr. President: Order, order, the Hon'ble Member is not asking a question.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What is the kind of wells of new design? Will you give some idea of these wells?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Some wells, say, of about 6 feet diameter were constructed—the depth is between 6 and 8 feet—and all-round these wells charcoal and other filtering materials are kept, so that we may get potable water. The experiment was tried and my information is that it is some what successful.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Are the Government aware that these wells are in a very insanitary condition, and the water is easily exhausted and that they do not serve the purpose at all.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is not my information anyway. These wells were constructed only last year and they cannot be insanitary in a year.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* All wells are not insanitary in the same degree; there is some difference. I shall explain.

Mr. President: Order, order, This is not the time for explanation. If the Hon'ble Member wants information, he may put questions.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* What is the depth of these wells.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* About 6 to 8 feet.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that within a few days after these wells were constructed, the water exhausted last summer?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The water was not exhausted. I visited these wells three months after the construction and there was water in them.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* But that was after the monsoon started.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No, even before.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* When the monsoon began, the wells were full of water, full of frogs.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Is not the water there saltish?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Can charcoal remove that?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are trying so many experiments to get over this difficulty.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Is it an experiment to provide good water for the consumption of human beings?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government has ever got the water analysed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Develapment):* Yes, it is saltish; all people know that it is a little brackish.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether the Government has got this water analysed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, we got it analysed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* And what is the result?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is not with me now. We sent it to the Maharaja's College for analysis.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will the Government construct more tube-wells for that area?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* These is also some difficulty about this. The tube-wells go wrong within a week or two and we want a fitter for each tube-well.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* In every place the tube-wells are going on quite well; in British Cochin the tube-well goes on very well; then why is it that the tube-wells in this area alone fall into disorder.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have experience in Cochin only and not elsewhere.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Then it is a very narrow experience.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: മന്ത്രികഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കിണറുകളിലെ വെള്ളംശാസ്ത്രീയമായിട്ട് പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മുമ്പുകഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുപോലെയല്ല ഇപ്പോൾ കിണറുകൾ കഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. മുമ്പുകഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കിണറുകൾക്കു് ൧ ൦, ൧൫, അടി താഴ്ചയുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിലെ വെള്ളം വളരെ മോശമായിരുന്നു. ഉപ്പുവെള്ളവുമായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കിണറുകളിൽ നാലുപുറവും ൫, ൬ അടി പൊക്കത്തിൽ ചരൽ, കരിക്കട്ട മുതലായവയിട്ടു് അടിയിലും ചരൽ, കരിക്കട്ട എന്നിവയിട്ടു് നല്ലവെള്ളം കിട്ടത്തക്കവിധത്തിലാണു് കഴിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്. അതിലെ വെള്ളം കുടിക്കുവാൻ നല്ലതാണെന്നു് പരിശോധിച്ചതിൽ തെളിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കുടിച്ചുനോക്കിയാൽ നല്ലതൊ ചീത്തയൊ എന്നു് ആർക്കും പറയാൻ സാധിക്കും. എന്നാൽ ശാസ്ത്രീയമായിട്ട പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?. ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ ഫലം എന്തായിരുന്നു? ഉപ്പു് എത്രയുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവെന്നാണു് ചോദിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: മുമ്പുണ്ടായിരുന്നതു് ഉപ്പുവെള്ളമാണെന്ന ബോദ്ധ്യമായിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ വെള്ളം നല്ലതാണെന്നുകണ്ടതുകൊണ്ടു് അതു പരിശോധിച്ചുനോക്കിയതിൽ കുടിക്കാൻ വിരോധമില്ലെന്ന മനസ്സിലായിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഉപ്പുമാത്രമല്ല, വേറെയും പല ദോഷങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. അങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടോ എന്നു് പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ, ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ ഫലമെന്തു് എന്നുപറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അങ്ങിനെ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലോ.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, where exactly these six wells are going to be constructed.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* In the littoral areas.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* The specific parts, please.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* From Vypeen northwards.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That everybody knows—not in Ernakulam. We want to know the exact parts where these are to be put.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Just north of Vypeen. For the particular point, I want notice.

WATER PANDALS—PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENT

198. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are all the water pandals under the Panchayat Department maintained in 1119;

(*b*) what is the amount allotted in each case this year;

(*c*) is there any increase this year in the amount sanctioned for running these water pandals?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Arrangements have been made with the Panchayats concerned for the maintenance of all water pandals in the Panchayat Department.

(*b*) The usual amount as is provided for in the budget.

(*c*) Wherever the amount provided for is found insufficient, the question of sanctioning additional amount will be considered.

MATTANCHERI ROAD—WIDENING OF

199. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken to widen the Mattancheri Main Bazaar Road;

(*b*) how many accidents have occurred on this road during the last 12 months?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No definite scheme is in force to widen the Mattancheri Road. But the Municipality has taken up the question and the work is being done bit by bit every year as funds permit.

(*b*) Only one accident, *i.e.*, at the junction of Mattancheri and Bridge road.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether any enquiry has been made to ascertain the width of the narrowest part of the Mattancheri bazaar road?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The whole question will be examined by the Committee recently appointed by the Government for the improvement of the Mattancheri town.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I only asked for specific information on this point whether any enquiry has been made to know what the width of the narrowest portion of the Main Bazaar Road is.

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